

# INSPIRE

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A photograph of a person walking away from the camera down a dirt path that leads into a dense forest. The trees are covered in vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The scene is captured in a slightly desaturated, artistic style. The entire image is framed by a rough, white, hand-painted border.

*My Times  
are in  
Your Hands*





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The birth announcements in the Katz family just kept coming! Shown here are Nicole Katz Garrett '95 holding Isaac Dale; Jeri Katz; Lisa Katz Amos '00 holding Sidney Rose; and Andrea Katz Burkley '93 holding Lucas David. Learn more about the bundles of joy in this family on page 18.



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# Afterthoughts

*Judging from readers' letters, the Spring 2003 issue of "Inspire" touched a special chord. Following are some of those letters.*

Wow! I don't think I was quite ready to read the latest *Inspire* issue. My heart ached and rejoiced with each story shared. You will never know what you have done for those of us with special needs children. The opportunities to share our "stories" are not plentiful. People are afraid to ask questions, and too often their "pity" makes it difficult to be open and honest. Thank you for giving us the chance to share and hopefully open doors in the Christian community.

~ Claudia Whitestone Porpiglia '79

I am writing to you regarding your Cedarville alumni magazine. I work at the Hope House in Union City, Georgia, where we provide free respite care for medically fragile/handicapped children. I also have a special needs daughter who is the light of my life.

Thank you for sending extra copies of your magazine so that I can share the beautiful stories with co-workers, friends, and family.

~ Tina Hardy

I just wanted to tell you how much I appreciated the *Inspire* this month. Not only working with children with special needs but experiencing it personally, I realize how important it is to share our stories with others. It was so neat to read the articles, and I was amazed at how open everyone was. I have shared it with my sister and mom who have both experienced raising special needs children, and they said that it was so comforting for them to hear what other parents were thinking and feeling. It made them feel not so alone in their thoughts! I have also shared it with several of my co-workers and it has been a great insight into what parents of special needs children go through as well as a wonderful witnessing tool.

This truly was an encouraging edition, and I hope the aftermath is just as encouraging. There is such a need for parents of special needs children to not feel alone. I think especially as Christians our faith can be challenged and put to the test like never before. It was truly comforting to hear that others were experiencing the same challenges and questions, and also to hear the lessons that they learned and the Bible verses they clung to! It is also a neat tool for parents who don't have special needs children to better understand what those parents may be feeling and all the challenges that they are going through on a daily basis. My hope and prayer is that this edition encourages everyone who picks it up!

~ Kori Hopeman Davis '99

Let me tell you how much I appreciate your articles on the special needs child in this quarter's issue of *Inspire*.

Our first child, Jonathon, was born with a genetic brain disorder which left him severely mentally retarded. We didn't know he had problems until he was 18 months old and wasn't speaking any words yet.

Jonathon has been with us now for 12 years and is the joy of my life. He has taught me what the love of Jesus Christ is all about. He truly only knows how to love unconditionally. He doesn't hold grudges, isn't jealous or envious, isn't bitter or revengeful, etc. He is truly a picture of what love is as found in I Corinthians 13.

Although Jonathon is severely delayed mentally, he is perfectly healthy and is a normal little boy. He has a constant smile on his face and has the sweetest, happiest personality.

Although there have been many times when I didn't think I could cope another day, I've found strength in my deep faith in Jesus. I know I wouldn't have the relationship with Jesus that I have today if it weren't for my son, Jonathon.

Keep up the "inspiring" articles.

~ Carol Delaney Wells '89

### West Bank Update

*In the Winter 2003 issue of "Inspire," Gary Gordon '75 wrote of his work with Palestinian believers. By way of update, he shares:*

I was in Jerusalem again during the last two weeks of February. The purpose of this visit was to assess the continuing needs of Hope School along with other Christian ministries in the Bethlehem area. Relief here remains somewhat unique. Until the political situation is resolved, it seems that the people will remain in the grip of their difficulties. Unlike situations involving natural disasters, reconstruction cannot really begin until resolution is accomplished.

Much remains to be accomplished in this land, but it is encouraging to see many people, both Israelis and Palestinians, coming to the Lord through various ministries which He is blessing. In many cases, it is through the difficult political situation that the Lord is working to bring people to Himself. It is abundantly evident that until the Lord Himself comes, peace will come to Jerusalem and the Holy Land one heart at a time as individuals come to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Nine years ago, when I was very ill for several months, my dear, dear friend (and former CU roommate) Jill Southward Hackett '83 sent me a homemade video. The video included a tour of her home, clips of her kids, and sweet messages of courage and hope

over "tea" at her kitchen table. She closed our "video visit" by singing *My Life is in Your Hands*, reminding me that God is in control of everything. I now use that song in many of my own speaking engagements.

The fresh realization of Psalm 31:15 ("My times are in Your Hands") brought comfort and a quiet confidence. The knowledge that nothing can touch me that doesn't pass through the hands of a loving God brought me peace and hope.

God's timing and orchestration for our lives is not always the same as ours. We may experience joy when we least expect it or sorrow when we feel least prepared. Regardless, the timing of God's plan is perfect.

As several alumni reflect on their life experiences in this issue, I hope that you are blessed and encouraged by the message that "My Times are in Your Hands."

*Faith Linn '83*

Faith Linn '83  
Director of Alumni Relations

# What's Abuzz

## *President's Pen*

### **If you are over 40 years old, raise your hand.**

What a group we are! I am in the last year of my 40s, and I find myself asking, "How did I get to be this old? Where did the years go?" Some of you ask the same questions. And, some of you reading this consider the 40s to be young (if you remember correctly)!



It seems like only yesterday we were teenagers looking at our 40-ish parents and wondering how they could sit up and take nourishment as old as they were. Now, we know they didn't realize how old we thought they were.

Those of you under 40 — stop smirking. You'll be joining us before you know it.

The passing of time possesses certain sadness. My college-age daughter will be gone for good soon. Sometimes when I look at her, I see her as a two-year-old, nestled in my arms as I rocked her for hours to help her get over her ear infections. My son looks me in the eye now when I'm standing up, not when I'm on my knees.

The brevity of life is scary if you do not know Christ. Because of Him, every day has infinite value and every experience, good or bad in itself, is a part of God's work in our lives to make us more like Him.

But the passing of time also has a sense of anticipation. Today is one more day — but it is also one less day. We are one day closer to God's ultimate promises. We know what God has planned for all of us in the future, and we have an eager expectation about the good times to come (I Corinthians 15:19, 50-58).

This is one of the reasons I am in Christian higher education. Helping people learn the truth of God's love and His plan for His creation is the only hope our world has. Cedarville University grads all around the world share this common legacy and a unique challenge — to celebrate the reality of the eternal Christ in a world of despair.

Thanks for sharing in the legacy and the challenge. Together we bring light to the darkness.

Those of you over 40 — you can put your hands down now.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brown".

Bill Brown  
President

## Commencement Honors

Cedarville University held its 107th commencement ceremony on May 10, with a record 667 students receiving degrees. Dr. Paul Dixon '94H presided over commencement for the last time. In addition, Dr. Dixon presented a number of special awards: the President's Trophy, the Faculty Scholarship Award, and a doctor of divinity degree.



The President's Trophy, the highest honor for a graduating senior, recognizes leadership, ministry, community and campus involvement, athletic performance, and academic achievement. The 2003 recipients of the President's Trophy were Joel D. Estes (top), a preseminary Bible major from Worthington, Ohio, and Jyoti Philip (bottom), a chemistry major from Westwood, New Jersey.





Christina R. Schut (top), an adolescent and young adult integrated life science education major from Hudsonville, Michigan, received the Faculty Scholarship Award. This honor is given to graduates who maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average throughout their college careers.

Alistair Begg (bottom), senior pastor of Parkside Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, received a doctor of divinity degree from the University. This came in recognition of Alistair's international ministry of teaching and evangelism.



Alistair, who was born in Scotland, spent the first 30 years of his life in the United Kingdom. Following graduation from theological college in London, he served in two Scottish churches, first as an assistant pastor at Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh, and then as pastor of Hamilton Baptist Church, Glasgow.

Alistair has been at Parkside Church since September 1983. The daily speaker on the national radio program "Truth for Life," he is the author of the Moody Press titles, *Made for His Pleasure*, *Lasting Love: How to Avoid Marital Failure*, *What Angels Wish They Knew*, and *The Hand of God*.

## Faculty and Staff Members of the Year Named

Each year the student body selects one faculty member and one staff member to be awarded for their quality service and dedication to students. This year's honorees were Jim Leightenheimer '80 and Jerry "Butch" Gleason.



*Student Academic Advisory Board President  
Joseph Reno '03 and James Leightenheimer '80*

Jim, who is an associate professor of communication arts, was named Faculty Member of the Year. Along with his teaching duties, Jim advises the student radio station, U99.5, and chairs the broadcasting advisory council and the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges committee. He also serves on the Educational Resources and Assistance Program committee (which provides Renmin University in China with student teachers from Cedarville). A faculty member since 1982, Jim received his M.A. from Ohio University and was the director of the "Adventures in Time" radio program for Dayton Public Radio and the Human Race Theatre Company. He is the director of audio services at his church, Grace Baptist of Cedarville.

According to Student Academic Advisory Board President Joseph Reno '03, who presented the award to Jim, students describe Jim as "trusted by everyone, respected, personable, doggedly loyal, and future-thinking." Jim was joined on the platform by his wife, Beth (Summerlin) '80, five children, and other family members to receive the award.

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Jerry "Butch" Gleason and Joseph Reno '03

Butch, who was named Staff Member of the Year, is the supervisor of the automotive department. A 10-year employee of the University, he has led MIS trips to Arizona and co-led a Jamaica team. Butch's talents are many and his interests diverse, noted Joseph, as seen in the fact that he has directed maintenance at a Bible camp, was foreman of a cattle ranch, preached at inner-city ministries in Denver, Colorado, and served as a worship leader. He has been a member of the Cedarville Fire Department for six years and is president of the Cedarville Township Volunteer Firemen's Association.

According to Joseph, students describe Butch as "an example of godliness" and "a humble man." They also appreciate how he often fixes students' cars at no charge. Butch was joined on the platform by his wife, Carolyn, his three children (including daughter Becky Gleason Cunningham '01), and numerous members of his family for his award.

## Faculty Make the Grade

As if there were any doubt about the caliber of Cedarville University faculty, here is a sampling of recent faculty achievements.

Cedarville University has its first Fulbright Scholar!



**Dr. Andrew Wiseman**, assistant professor of Spanish, is one of nearly 800 U.S. academicians selected to lecture and conduct research in foreign countries through this prestigious program. Andrew will travel to Uzbekistan during Spring Semester 2004.

## Campaign Reaches \$11 Million Mark; Kresge Foundation Issues Challenge Grant

This past summer, Cedarville University's \$12.8 million campaign to build a new Recreation Center reached \$11 million. One consequence of surpassing the \$10 million mark was the issuance of a \$600,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan. The challenge is for the campaign to reach \$12.2 million by the end of 2003.

"We're grateful to God and to those people who've made this possible," said Dr. Paul Dixon '94H, chancellor, "especially

## Conference Milestones for Psychology Students

Do Christian teenagers feel like they fit in at their public schools? Does using the word "please" make a difference in how people comply with your request? These were just a few of the research projects which 26 Cedarville University psychology students presented recently at the Ohio Undergraduate Psychology Conference, the Mid-America Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference, and the Interdisciplinary Conference for the Behavioral Sciences.

According to Dr. Michael Firmin, chair of the department of psychology at Cedarville University, presenting at a student conference is a significant milestone for psychology majors. "This year six students

have been accepted into doctoral programs in clinical psychology, and three psychology majors have been accepted into law schools," he said. "Student participation in research conferences has significantly contributed to our alumni entering competitive programs after graduation."

Cedarville students made a total of 12 presentations among the three conferences, which, according to





**Dr. J. Wesley Baker**, professor of communication arts, was named the 2003 Cedarville University Faculty Scholar of the Year. Wes has had numerous articles published and has presented more than 50 invited papers and seminars to such groups as the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities, the Christian Communication Scholars Colloquium, and National Information Technology Workshops. He is currently a Senior Fellow with the SBC Ameritech Faculty Development Technology Program.

**Dr. Cheryl Irish, James Leightenheimer '80, Dr. Chris Miller, and Dr. Susan Warner** were all recognized at the 2003 Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) faculty excellence awards presentation. Cheryl, an assistant professor of education, was

recognized for her expertise in using computer-assisted instruction to enhance basic multiplication performance in elementary students. Jim, who is an associate professor of communication arts and advisor for U99.5, was honored for developing and implementing a multi-track studio production program. Chris was recognized for his development of interactive CD-ROMs for two Baker Book House textbooks used widely in biblical studies curricula: *Encountering the Old Testament* and *Encountering the New Testament*. He is a professor of Bible and chair of the department of biblical education. As an assistant professor of sociology, Susan was recognized for introducing online class discussion options and periodic interactions with a Wilberforce University sociology course on race relations.

the Kresge Foundation. Their \$600,000 challenge, we believe, will provide the impetus to reach our ultimate goal in this campaign.”

Dr. Dixon continued, “Our vision is to make the Cedarville experience a valuable, life-changing one.



We’ve made great improvements in our faculty and our academic support facilities over the past two decades. This latest facility represents a vast improvement in the whole-person, physical development area. This facility will support the social, physical, and academic development of our students in a manner unlike any other building on campus.”

The Center opened in August. The building includes a 60,000 square foot recreation area; a 200-meter track; space for free-weights, cardiovascular machines, and aerobic and other exercise areas; a 40-foot climbing wall; and a new health care clinic. For more information about the Center, visit <http://www.cedarville.edu/dept/pr/fitrec>.

Dr. Chi-en Hwang, associate professor of psychology, is one of the highest participation rates among attending institutions. In the past five years, the number of Cedarville conference presentations has tripled.

Janine Helmick, a senior psychology and Spanish major from Wellington, Ohio, said, “Presenting at the Ohio Undergraduate Research Conference was an exciting opportunity to see how my efforts and interests can be made public. Many of the presentations at the conference dealt with the issues of faith, religion, and morals, and Cedarville University’s active participation in these conferences gives us a wide open door to share our beliefs through our research and personal conduct in these conferences.”

Cedarville’s psychology program has grown from 80 students to 160 in five years. Dr. Michael Firmin attributes this growth, in part, to two elements: 1) an emphasis on biblical counseling and on preparing students for counseling in ministry settings and 2) an emphasis on motivating students to achieve their “excellence potentials.”

Janine closed, “I have thoroughly enjoyed my psychology classes at Cedarville and the way the professors are committed to viewing and critiquing psychology through the eyes of the Bible. I have found my psychology classes to be very applicable to ‘real life,’ and they have also stretched me in my faith and walk with the Lord.”

# What's Up in Engineering?

In another year of service, innovation, and awards, here are just a few of the accomplishments of the Elmer W. Engstrom Department of Engineering.

Two teams of Cedarville mechanical engineering students kept busy this past year designing two prosthetic arms. The arms were for ten-year-old Jaclyn Barker of Beaver Creek, Ohio, who was born missing her right forearm.



After two and a half years of playing the violin with a prosthesis, Jaclyn needed to have better control over moving the bow. So, Cedarville University engineering students went to work! The two teams presented Jaclyn with two prosthetic arms; she will eventually decide which one to use for violin-playing once she has had time to practice with them.

In May, a Cedarville mechanical engineering team won the grand prize in the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Aero Design® West competition. This is the first time that a Cedarville team has taken the grand prize in Aero Design®. The team was all the more special in that it was a family effort — the team members were brothers Brian '03 and Nathan Foote of Issaquah, Washington.



In Aero Design®, students design and build radio controlled model planes that can fly with a moderate amount of added weight. The students incrementally

increase the payloads to find out which plane can carry the most. Points are awarded for the quality of the teams' written papers and oral presentations, the amount of weight each plane carries, and how closely teams predict the weight their plane will carry given the weather conditions. To successfully compete, the planes must take off in less than 200 feet, circle the field at least once, and then land in a 400-foot zone.

At the West event, held in Palmdale, California, the brothers' 5.25-pound plane was able to carry a 23-pound load. This, combined with their high scores in other areas of the competition, put them in first place. The brothers' scores topped the results of schools such as UCLA, RIT, Michigan Tech, University of Akron, and other institutions from around the world.

In addition to student achievements, Dr. Clint Kohl, associate professor of electrical engineering, received the American Association of Engineering Educators (ASEE) 2003 Outstanding Teacher Award for the North Central Section. The North Central Section includes Ohio, Michigan, western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. He is the first Cedarville professor to receive the ASEE Outstanding Teacher recognition.



## Did You Know?

Cedarville University has recently been named to two prestigious college guides: the 2004-2005 edition of *Peterson's Competitive Colleges* and the premier edition of *The Princeton Review's The Best Midwestern Colleges: 150 Great Schools to Consider*.

## Did You ALSO Know?

Cedarville University welcomed its largest class ever in Fall 2003 as approximately 815 freshmen arrived on campus. A record number of African-American and Hispanic students were a part of this group. Cedarville's enrollment now stands at more than 3,000.



For more information, go to [www.cedarville.edu/alumni](http://www.cedarville.edu/alumni)  
and click on "Alumni Events."

# ALUMNI EVENTS



March 1 - Charlotte, North Carolina



March 17 - Lilburn, Georgia



March 18 - Marietta, Georgia



June 9 - Denver, Colorado



June 21 - Greenville, South Carolina



June 28 - San Diego, California

## Calendar of Campus Events

**October 4**  
Switchfoot Concert

**October 10**  
Presidential  
Inauguration

**October  
10-11**  
Homecoming 2003

**October 11,  
16-18**  
Fall Play:  
*Letice and Lovage*

**October 21**  
Women's  
Conference with  
Jaye Martin

**October 31-  
November 1**  
Nextage Student  
Drama Production

**November 8**  
Youth Alive  
Blowout

**November 14**  
Grandparents Day

**November 26**  
Thanksgiving  
Vacation begins

**December 2**  
Classes Resume

**December 2**  
Jazz Band Concert

**December 7**  
Community  
Christmas Concert

**December  
9-12**  
Final Exams

## Upcoming Alumni Events

**October 10-11**  
Homecoming 2003  
Cedarville, Ohio

**November 7**  
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

**November 20**  
Evangelical Theological Society Conference  
Atlanta, Georgia

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

## 2003 Alumni Scholarship Recipients

At Honors Day in April 2003, 12 students received alumni scholarships. Interest generated by the Alumni Scholarship and Grant Endowment Fund provides a scholarship for an outstanding freshman, sophomore, or junior student (or in rare circumstances, an outstanding senior) enrolled in each academic department. The following are the students' biographies and notes of appreciation, which were written in April 2003.

### Biblical Education

A native of Berlin, New Jersey, Michael Webster is involved in Open Heirs evangelism and Castle Knoll nursing home ministry. The junior preseminary Bible major also participates in the music ministry at Grand Heights Baptist Church and in a Desiring God discipleship group. He is considering attending seminary following graduation, with an eventual goal of vocational ministry.

*I would like to thank the alumni for providing this scholarship. It is wonderful to see the past students of Cedarville continuing to support and encourage the growth and well-being of Cedarville and its current students. It was a surprise and encouragement for me to receive this award. Thank you!*

### Business Administration

A junior finance and management information systems major, Aaron Sattler was part of the Dr. Dixon Bobblehead project with which many alumni may be familiar. The Warminster, Pennsylvania native also has been a yearbook staff member, a SIFE Junior Achievement tutor, and an Open Heirs evangelism participant.

*I want to say thank you to the alumni who are always so encouraging and supportive of the student body. Thank you for this award and your commitment to Cedarville.*

### Communication Arts

Teresa Myers was studying abroad in Sevilla, Spain during Spring Semester, but when she was on campus, she was involved with the debate team, Extra Mile ministry, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The junior comprehensive communication arts major is interested in attending law school and eventually working in family law. She hails from Goshen, Indiana.

*Thank you for giving back to the students at Cedarville. I am grateful for the generosity of the alumni shown by this scholarship. This contribution to help further my education is really appreciated. God bless!*

### Education

Heidi Neuhart, an Avon, Indiana native, would like to eventually teach fifth or sixth grade. A sophomore middle childhood education major, she is active in the Awana ministry of her local church and in tutoring at Cedarville High School. She is also part of a prayer team at Cedarville University.

*I am very grateful to the alumni for awarding me this scholarship. Thank you so much for the encouragement your generosity has been for me and my family.*

### Engineering

As a junior mechanical engineering major, Brian Montague is part of the Solar Splash boat design team and Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. Brian also is a member of the Delta Omega Epsilon service organization and is active in his

local church's Awana program. His post-graduation plans include marrying April Carley, a Spring Arbor University student, and working for an engineering firm in his hometown of Jackson, Michigan.

*Thank you to all the alumni who made this scholarship possible. I am grateful not only for the financial help, but also the honor of being selected for such an award. Thank you again for investing in the lives of current Cedarville students by providing for this scholarship.*

### Exercise and Sport Science

An NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete, Julie Stauffer was part of the 2003 Lady Jackets basketball team which recently earned third place in the NAIA Division II Nationals. She is a junior multi-age physical education major and would like to someday pursue a master's degree, teach physical education, and minister to people through sports. The daughter of missionaries, Julie grew up in the Philippines but calls Fort Wayne, Indiana home.

*I really appreciate the alumni generously giving this scholarship to me. I feel blessed to know that former Cedarville students care about us current students and want to help us through school by their financial gifts. I know that without the scholarships I have received, I would not have been able to afford school.*

### Language and Literature

Sophomore English major Michael Lyons plans to pursue an M.Div. at seminary and then work in inner-city ministry. The Cincinnati, Ohio native is already an active participant in inner-city ministry, Open Heirs evangelism, the Discipleship Council, and the Advisory Seven.

*Thank you for your encouragement by this scholarship. I appreciate your desire to give back to Cedarville University and your desire to honor the Lord through your gift. May our God bless you in return for your service to Him.*

### Music

Sophomore keyboard pedagogy major Lauren Shackelford looks forward to someday opening her own piano studio. Her goal is to nurture a love of music and the arts in her students. Lauren's current activities include concert chorale, piano ensemble, Awana, teaching private lessons, and serving as church pianist. Lauren is from Bolling Air Force Base near Washington, D.C.

*Thank you very much for honoring me with this award. Your interest and generosity are inspiring examples of love to Cedarville's student body. I am deeply grateful for your support through this scholarship.*

### Nursing

Pediatric oncology, pediatric intensive care, and neonatal intensive care are all areas of interest to junior nursing major Amanda Slagle. Amanda hopes to eventually become a full-time missionary nurse in an orphanage overseas and perhaps get an M.S.N. in pediatric nursing. The Jackson, Ohio, native has taken part in the Christian Nurses Association, Open Heirs evangelism, and a missions trip to Albania.

*I count it a great honor and privilege to have been awarded the Alumni Scholarship in Nursing. I would like to thank the alumni who have funded this scholarship, thereby providing the funds necessary for me to pursue the passion for nursing that the Lord has given to me. Thank you for your ministry of generosity.*



# HERITAGE CORNER

## Psychology

SaraBeth Dull, a senior applied psychology major, is active in Athletes in Action and the Central State University ministry. She has also served as a volunteer at the Echoing Valley Residential center, a children's worship leader at Southside Fellowship Church, and a member of Prayer Force and the gospel choir. A native of New Bavaria, Ohio, SaraBeth is considering missionary training and/or an M.A. in biblical counseling.

*I would like to offer a word of thanks to the alumni who have presented me with this scholarship. I am deeply honored. Thank you for providing Cedarville University students with the opportunity to excel in their academic service for the Lord.*

## Science and Mathematics

Erin Avery is an Army ROTC cadet and will be commissioned in the United States Army as a second lieutenant after she graduates. The junior physics major is interested in either military intelligence or ordinance. A native of St. Cloud, Minnesota, Erin has been active in Habitat for Humanity, Joy Ranch ministry, Student Academic Advisory Board, Central State University ministry, and intramural sports.

*Thank you very much for choosing to invest in the lives and education of Cedarville students. Your giving is enabling us as students to continue our education at Cedarville, and thus grow in our knowledge of both God's world and Word. Thank you again, and God bless.*

## Social Sciences and History

A resident of Anchor Point, Alaska, Laura Bailey would like to return to her home state to teach history and English in the "bush." A junior majoring in adolescent and young adult integrated social studies education, Laura stays busy in Zion's Light tutoring, women's choir, and local church activities.

*Many thanks to the alumni for giving me this award – I am very honored! All of us appreciate your commitment to Cedarville and the current students, and we look forward to following your example.*

## Tell Us Your Story

### Winter 2003 — *Where Have All the Dreamers Gone?*

Has God placed a dream within you that you're working toward achieving for Him? Send us your story by October 10, 2003.

### Spring 2004 — *Christians in the Media*

Tell us about your work in the ever-changing and culture-shaping world of media, whether it be radio, TV, film, music or journalism. Send us your story by January 10, 2004.

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*The Heritage Alumnae Educators Luncheon at Cedarville University*



*Heritage Alumni at LaComedia Dinner Theatre*

Heritage Alumni had a busy summer filled with activities. In June, the group went to a Reds game in Cincinnati where they enjoyed lunch at Mike Fink's Restaurant, endured a rainy game, and applauded a Reds' victory. Also in June, some of the men got together for their annual golf outing with Jeff Brock '84 (amidst rain, yet again) while Kim Botta Longo '02 kept the ladies company.

In early July, alumnae educators joined together for a luncheon in the President's Dining Room where Ruth Hussey Hess '67 reminded the group of "Apples for the Teacher" ... the gifts of encouragement. Later in July, several relived the "good ol' days" of Springfield, Ohio at the Heritage Center. In August, the alumni took a trip to Neverland as they attended a production of *Peter Pan* at LaComedia Dinner Theatre.

## Upcoming Heritage Events

- October 10** – Presidential Inauguration and Homecoming Reunion
- November 14** – Grandparents Day





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A new student organization was formed in 2000 with the primary goal of serving the Alumni Association and other friends of the University. This group of 12 students helps with alumni events, ministers to alumni, and initiates creative programming which introduces current students to alumni and the Alumni Association.

In 2002-2003, Delta Alpha Epsilon (DAE) established the Kordic Project, which raised awareness for Mark Kordic '87 as he fought cancer and went through a stem cell transplant. Through this project, prayer support was garnered and \$2,500 was raised through a campus-wide coin drive. DAE also saw more than 300 students searching for Easter eggs in their "Great Easter Egg Hunt" and connected 250 students with local families for home-cooked dinners through their "Dinner for 8" program.

DAE begins each school year with a trip during which they get to know each other and become acquainted with alumni through a variety of alumni events. This year's camping trip took the group and their advisors (Faith Linn '83 and Amy Cartzendafner Button '97) to Skyview Ranch in Millersburg, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Camp Patmos on Kelleys Island, Ohio; and Ft. Wayne, Indiana.







# What's the Word?

## Our Times, His Hands

By Dr. David Drullinger

**T**ime ... that precious commodity of minutes, hours, months, and years that mark the progress of our march from cradle to grave and infancy to adulthood.

The contemporary culture seems somehow enslaved to time as evidenced by sophisticated time pieces, PDAs, organizers, Daytimers, etc. Our days are neatly organized around hourly segments punctuated by 15-minute coffee breaks, 30-minute lunches, 10-minute naps, and one-hour meetings.

The Christian is not exempt. Though we are citizens of eternity, we are creatures of time. Such is the way the Creator made us. And such is the way the Creator reveals Himself to us.

He created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. He predicted a 400-year enslavement of His people in Egypt and a 70-year captivity in Babylon. The reigns of judges and kings are marked in years as are the life spans of the biblical greats.

Redemption is also referred to in rudiments of time. Paul says Christ was born in “the fullness of time.” Luke notes that the conception of Jesus took place in the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy with John. Luke gives us a glimpse into Jesus’ boyhood at the age of 12 and tells us that Jesus was about 30 years old when He began His ministry.

### Time and the Word of God

One of the most familiar “time” passages is in Ecclesiastes 3. The text has even been used for the lyrics of a secular song. Solomon’s immediate concern is for people to understand that

while we live in time, we are made ultimately for eternity. He wants his readers to see life from “above the sun” rather than under it. Nonetheless, he addresses the reality of time-cycles that define the human’s earthly pilgrimage.

The dilemma for the Christian is not that he or she is incarcerated in time. Rather the challenge is the use of the time

we have. I believe that’s what Moses meant when he wrote Psalm 90:12 — “Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom” (NLT). I understood it more appreciably in the last two years of my sweetie’s life. Though we had always pursued our lives and ministry with a realization that we were to use our time in light of eternity, it wasn’t until she had been diagnosed with cancer that we really came to grips with the preciousness of time. We began

thanking the Lord each morning for the day ahead. We prayed the Spirit would help us “unpack” each hour, giving us a sense of anticipation and delight in what He would teach us and how He would use us. We often discussed the fact that this is the way believers should live, yet it seemed a confrontation with our own mortality was necessary for it to become a way of life.

### Time and the Holy Spirit

A specific reference to the believer’s use of time is Paul’s exhortation in Ephesians 5. There he compels his readers, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15-16,





NKJV). The term translated “time” is a word that speaks of a specific duration of time, a measure of time, or a “season.” No doubt Paul has in mind that the lifetime of the believer be invested in that which counts for eternity. His reference to evil days is a reminder of the many distractions that can succeed in causing believers to waste or mismanage their time.

But there is another implication as well. The next two verses reference the influence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. One might conclude that verses 15-16 refer to “our times” and verses 17 and 18 to “His hands.” Believers who allow the Spirit of God to be the superintendent of their lives will make use of their time in a way that honors the Lord Jesus Christ, pursues the Christian mission, and invests in eternity.

## Time and the Lord’s Will

Though James doesn’t use the word “time” in his injunction about God’s will, he does make it clear that one’s use of time is his focus. He is chagrined by Christians who assume they can plan for today or tomorrow as though they had some kind of control over time. He reminds them that their lives are “like the morning fog — it’s here a little while, then it’s gone” (James 4:14, NLT). He endeavors to help his readers understand that their lifetimes are framed by the will of God. The human has no means of control over the events of his or her life. No promise of more tomorrows exist. Whether or not we even have a “tomorrow” is dependent on His plans for our lives. Thus, James says one should consider the will of God when making his or her plans for the future, be it the next day or the next year. James, like Paul, reveals his awareness that our times are indeed in His hands.

## Time and the Work of God

One of the wonders of the incarnation was the willingness of Jesus Christ to come in the flesh. Paul gives the specifics in Philippians 2. He there describes the willingness of the Savior to absent Himself from heaven and absolve Himself of the privileges of deity to come to earth as a man, even a slave who would be obedient to death. But as the Gospels relate the details of Christ’s earthly life and ministry, it is evident He is aware that He is limited by both space and time. One of the clearest statements is John 9: “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4, NKJV). As Jesus Christ pursued His mission, He clearly understood that His times were in the Father’s hands. In His priestly prayer recorded in John 17, Jesus anticipates returning to heaven and the halls of eternity. He reports to His Father that He glorified Him on earth — His sojourn in time — by completing the work the Father had given Him to do. Even the cross was “on time.” The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ were timed to occur after He had completed His earthly mission.

## Time and the Child of God

Believers who are convinced their times are in His hands will appreciate their responsibility for the stewardship of time. The time allotted to us by the Father can and should be used in such a way as to end our earthly pilgrimage confident we have “glorified the Father by completing the work He gave [us] to do.”

First, consideration should be given to the investment of time. Christians who would be good stewards of time realize investing time with the Father is as essential as investing time for Him.

Somehow in our heavily scheduled lives, time with the Father is often relegated to a place of limited importance. Contemporary schedules and personal crises often prompt believers to assume the demands of the day will not allow for more than a few moments with God. By contrast, Martin Luther would look at his schedule and conclude that in light of all he had scheduled for his day, he could not spend less than three hours in prayer. A pastor friend once recommended “tithing” one’s time as one would his or her money. His point was not an attempt to create a legalistic schedule. Rather he emphasized giving the Lord the first part of the day. Over the years I’ve reaped the dividends of beginning my day with the Father and having enough time for everything else I needed to do.

Second, Christians should consider the importance of prioritizing time. This does not imply a need to be busy all the time. It means giving priority to that which will eventually have an impact on eternity. A guideline that can be helpful is “One hundred years from now, is this going to matter?” Some might come to the erroneous conclusion that rest and leisure must thus be forfeited. However, God Himself rested from His work on the seventh day. Jesus reminded His critics that the Sabbath was made for man. Rest and a change of pace are legitimate priorities when planning one’s use of time.

A well-worn cultural cliché notes, “Time is money.” Twenty-first century believers are as aware as others in our culture that time is precious. Its value is enhanced by the realization that the time allotted to the believer affords opportunities to invest in eternity. We cannot predict what tomorrow will bring, but we can be confident the Father’s agenda will be exciting and rewarding. He entrusts to us the moments and days to be used for His glory and the accomplishment of His mission. Like all the gifts of grace the Father gives us, our responsibility is simply to be faithful stewards. We will be better stewards of time if, when we are holding the PDA in our hand, we remember our times are in His hands.

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*Rich and Jeri Katz delight in their grandbabies: Isaac Dale Garrett, Lucas David Burkley, and Sidney Rose Amos.*



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Like many little girls, when sisters Andrea Katz Burkley '93, Nicole Katz Garrett '95, and Lisa Katz Amos '00 were growing up, they would often talk about getting married and having babies. Sometimes in their shared conversations they would dreamily comment on how nice it would be to have their children close enough in age so that they could play together. What a surprise to all when God orchestrated their dreams and allowed them to be pregnant at the same time.

Over the course of six weeks, each of the Katz sisters — in their birth order — had a baby. On May 21, 2003, Andrea gave birth to Lucas David. Nicole had Isaac Dale on June 20, and on July 3 Lisa was blessed with Sidney Rose. Andrea summed it up by saying, “Becoming a mother is such an awesome experience. To share it simultaneously with my sisters was extra special.”

The sisters' husbands were equally pleased. Dave Burkley '92 said that for him the news of the shared pregnancy offered “a real sense of joy.” Josh Amos '99 added, “I was in disbelief that this was happening — it was almost surreal.” Nicole's husband, Darin, said he was “surprised, shocked, and amazed.” Josh said it worked out well that the sisters experienced pregnancy together. “It was good for them to talk about what was going on or what was going to happen. They got energy off each other,” he noted.

Jeri and Rich Katz are in awe over the idea of having three new grandbabies in rapid succession. Jeri beamed, “The wonder of childbirth is such a miracle. I could almost sense God's presence when I held each of our grandbabies for the first time. Children are a gift of the Lord. They truly are ‘fearfully and wonderfully made.’”

The entire family believes this shared experience was divinely orchestrated, as Nicole and Lisa were not trying to get pregnant. Andrea and Dave already had a daughter, Leya, and when Leya neared two, they decided to try to have another baby. When Andrea shared her desires with her mom and sisters, Jeri jokingly commented that it would be funny if all three of her daughters got pregnant at the same time. The girls just laughed, but not for long.

Soon afterwards the announcements started coming. Andrea was first. “Mom was coming over to take Leya for the day, and I had a few things I wanted to talk about with her — one of which was a positive home pregnancy test,” Andrea explained. Weeks later Nicole announced her news, and not long afterwards, Lisa made her announcement. With three expectant daughters, Jeri's life suddenly got very busy.

Jeri said her first thoughts were of total joy and exhilaration. Then she became more reflective as she remembered nurturing her daughters as babies and the joy she felt as a new mom. She recalled “memories of their early firsts — first loose tooth, first day of school, prom shopping, learning to drive, graduations, planning weddings, sharing the joys and disappointments of life, and listening intently to each of them as they made commitments to Christ.” Seeing her babies having babies reminded Jeri of the awesomeness of God. With that joy, she eagerly embraced the busyness and new experiences that awaited her and her daughters.



The sisters say their parents were an incredible support. “Dad was a silent cheerleader who encouraged and enabled our mom to help us. And Mom was simply amazing!” Nicole explained, adding, “Mom would change her plans to come out and help me. She also kept us informed of each others' news and progress.” Lisa said she really appreciated

how her mom would often call on her and listen and comfort her as she vented her fears. “Mom is the most supportive human being,” Andrea added. “She always offered to watch Leya, drive me to appointments, bring meals, and clean my house.” The girls said Jeri (and Rich) also made sure they were well-dressed as expectant moms — which they really appreciated.

Jeri counted it a joy to be available to her daughters. It wasn't easy, she admitted, but it was definitely rewarding and very worthwhile. “Don't ask Rich about the phone bills during those months!” she quipped.

Juggling her schedule with her daughters' schedules was a challenge. Just trying to have everyone attend all the showers was tricky. “I must say that all the dads were so supportive and did whatever it took to help get everyone where they needed to be,” she said. “It helps that our homes are about a one-hour triangle one to the other.”



*Naptime for Lucas David, Isaac Dale, and Sidney Rose*

Even so, the timing of everything needed divine intervention. Lisa and Nicole had the same due date (June 28) but were going to deliver their babies at different hospitals, about 70 miles apart. As Jeri wondered how it would work out for her to be with both daughters should they indeed have their babies on the same day, God again showed His faithfulness. Nicole and Darin's son was born eight days early while Josh and Lisa's daughter was born five days late. Lisa had been praying that her baby would be born on July 3, the first day her doctor would be back from vacation, which is exactly what happened.

When Lisa's daughter arrived, Jeri was finally able to catch her breath and slow down. Helping her daughters through their pregnancies was both physically and emotionally challenging. Jeri said that sometimes Satan would test her faith with recurring thoughts of doubt and fear that would try to rob her joy. "I would wonder 'what if' one of my daughters was not able to carry her baby to term," she recalled. "It would be a lifetime of watching the other two

babies and knowing that there was a third." Remembering that God orchestrated this triple pregnancy is what repeatedly removed that fear. "He had the plan," Jeri said. "Trusting in that belief always brought my joy back."

The sisters say this experience has brought them closer. "Going through the same things during this special time put us on the same page," reflected Lisa. Andrea added, "There are seven years between Lisa and me, and so for most of our lives we've always been at different stages. This was an opportunity for us to finally have something in common together."

The shared pregnancies naturally led to some comical and memorable scenes. A favorite was when Nicole was eight months pregnant and Andrea was weeks away from delivering. Andrea had come to Nicole's baby shower, and when they went to hug each other they discovered that something had come between them — their expanding bellies. Another favorite memory was Mother's Day. Jeri and the expectant daughters having lunch together made the day extra special. "We got some strange looks and questions," Jeri noted. "People couldn't believe that all three sisters were



having babies within six weeks of each other. We laughed all through lunch.”

Throughout their pregnancies and now as they begin motherhood, the sisters are full of anticipation and wonder as they think about the stages of life the cousins will experience together. Nicole excitedly looks forward to what common experiences await them. “It’s so fun to think about birthdays together, graduating together, and even going to camp,” she said. Jeri added, “Each of us (dads, moms, and grandparents) consider these triple births a gift from God and a triple blessing.”

Whatever stages of motherhood these “sister moms” experience, they can be assured that they will be in good company as the Katz family is very close. Rich shared that they are probably one of the few extended families that still takes vacations together. “Every other year we all rent a house at the beach and spend quality time together. Next year it will have to be a bigger house,” he beamed as he held his youngest granddaughter.

Jeri shared, “We are so blessed to be part of a loving family that supports each other, spends time together, and

prays and intercedes for one another.” She concluded by reminding herself, “God divinely orchestrated this for His purpose and allowed us to be the recipients of His blessing. What an honor it is to share in the responsibility of helping these babies grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.”



*Nicole Katz Garrett '95 shares a moment with her niece, Sidney Rose Amos.*



*Back Row: Darin Garrett, Dave Burkley '92, Leya Burkley, Josh Amos '99  
Front Row: Nicole Katz Garrett '95 with Isaac, Andrea Katz Burkley '93 with Lucas, Lisa Katz Amos '00 with Sidney*

# Lessons from A Life Abroad

By Rebecca Nasman '01

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Last year, I traveled to the village of Juan Tomás with some of my students to share gifts with the children who attend a school started by missionaries. The supply of toys and clothes quickly diminished, but a number of children remained in line. It soon became clear we would not have enough presents to put a smile on each child's face. I remember one little boy, holding a ragged notebook in his hands, who asked if he could trade it for a nicer gift. He wanted something a little more special, perhaps a shiny toy car. I had nothing left to offer, and in my heart I knew he needed so much more than a shiny new toy.

Months later, I chaperoned a class trip close to the border of Haiti. Along the way we stopped in a small village primarily inhabited by the laborers who comprise the poorest fraction of the population. From the moment we stepped off the bus, we were swarmed by scantily clad children begging for candy, loose change, and snacks. Many were wearing little more than ragged underpants. As they picked us clean of the lollipops and cookies we brought to share, their interest began to shift to photographs. They loved posing for the camera. Though they would never see the photos, the process still fascinated them.

After a few pictures, I put my camera away to save the remaining film for later stops. The children clustered around me, pleading for another shot. I kept envisioning the beautiful vistas awaiting me — scenes of the tropical sun as it began to set upon the horizon, the crashing waves of the Caribbean — special moments to capture with my students and to share with my family back home. So I mumbled some excuse and quietly sneaked onto the bus to hide my camera. I convinced myself that the few remaining shots would really not matter to the children.

On another afternoon in Santo Domingo, I stopped by the supermarket to pick up a few items. The cashier gave me my change in coins rather than paper bills, causing much irritation. As I struggled to the car, trying to balance my groceries while grasping a handful of coins, a little beggar boy approached. I ignored him, focusing my attention on unloading my groceries, but then decided to give the boy the change as it was too small an amount to matter to me. So I called him over and dumped the coins in his hands. I didn't act out of

compassion or any sort of noble sentiment. My interest in this child stemmed from the simple fact that it was easier to give him the change than to carry it myself.

I wish I could express what occurred in the boy's face as he counted the coins. His sad eyes were transformed as an enormous smile crossed his cheeks — and a sharp knife cut through my heart. I saw how



superficial I am — contributing a few pennies out of the abundance of my wealth. I live in a country characterized by poverty; many people live hand-to-mouth, struggling to make ends meet in an unsteady, turbulent economy. Most will never graduate from a university, own a car, or have a savings account. While I willingly donate a few cents when it is convenient or take a handful of pictures with my camera, my generosity falls short of

sacrificing those things that are important to me. I worry about wasting too much film on children who have so little to truly smile about.

I often claim that my months in the Dominican Republic have expanded my perspective to love and serve my fellow man. In some ways, however, I think these months have revealed the selfishness of my heart more than anything else. In those moments when I am brought face-to-face with true necessity, I see how my tendency is to look away and refuse to act. I mutter words of superficial pity in an attempt to disguise the true hardness of my heart.

My self-absorbed vision of daily life reflects that I often fail to understand what unselfish, dedicated service truly is. I fail to grasp the nature of my own heart, and instead, I perceive myself as more noble, sincere, and more giving than I truly am. I fail to truly love the people who come across my path. My experience has helped me to realize how hesitant I am to sacrifice in those areas where true service will cost me what I want to keep.

Yet at the same time, I can say that these past few months have sharpened the sensitivity of my spirit, opening my heart and eyes to a harsh reality of injustice and a daily struggle for survival that is not uncommon among humanity. Perhaps I've come to identify and more clearly understand those things that hold true value, merit sacrifice, and demand my involvement. The life I have been granted and the gifts and privileges I hold are marks of a responsibility with which I have been entrusted. They enable me to embrace my responsibility to live a life of service and daily seize precious moments to impact the people I providentially encounter each day.



# A New Reality

By Kristi VanDyke '94

As I looked out the window of my carriage house apartment, I watched the sun set over the courthouse that had been stripped of its cupola. A standing stone wall denoted the location of a crumpled church. Shattered windows and caved-in roofs were the remnants of retail locations. All had been changed early that morning by a powerful tornado that unexpectedly ripped through the downtown district.

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For days, my apartment was cordoned off in the disaster zone. At night, when the downtown skyline grew eerily silent and dark, I longed for the familiar lights. My world had been altered in one devastating event. It seemed simple enough to get up and go across the street to work each morning, but my whole life felt constricted. I felt like I was in a war zone, and it was inescapable.

A different type of war zone crashed into my life two years later. After I arrived back from a trip I took solo, due to last-minute “inconveniences” that kept my spouse at home, it didn’t take much time for me to hear the fateful words, “I don’t want to be married to you anymore.” Damage control had been needed for a previous incident three years prior, but divorce was still not the outcome I had expected from marriage. I believed I really meant it when I vowed, “For better or for worse.”

However, it was soon apparent that my spouse was unwilling to make the choice to stay committed to his marriage vows, and he quickly filed for divorce. Through one devastating blow, I faced a whole new landscape. Crushed dreams and plans for the future lay strewn in the pathway ahead. My personal identity struggled to raise its head out of the rubble. There was no way to escape from the new reality. Life was no longer what it used to be.

Perhaps it was good that, as a full-time ministry staff person at a local church, there wasn’t much of an option of not going to church! But sitting in church by myself was no great pleasure. It’s often said that “On every pew sits a broken heart” — people just don’t expect for the brokenhearted to be the church staff.

Families who loved me were lifesavers. When I felt hemmed in by the new world I faced, they helped keep my eyes open to perspectives that I didn’t readily want to see. They couldn’t take me away from the disaster, but they were willing to face it with me.

There was no greater blessing than the freedom I found in truth. The truth was that I hadn’t desired divorce. I was willing to do anything I could to fix the relationship, and I readily acknowledged I did make mistakes. The truth was that my husband chose to leave, despite the truth.

So I was left to act upon the choices that were presented before me. God gives us many good things to choose from even after hardship, but I’ll have to admit that moving ahead as “me” and not “we” was daunting. My favorite motto became, “When you don’t know what to do, do what you know to do.”

There are still many choices and decisions to face. My life verse since high school has been James 4:8 — “Come near to God and He will come near to you.” Application of that verse is still a struggle, because the divorce affected all my relationships. But even through divorce, I’ll understand more about God’s nearness to me and about His eternal love relationship to me that will never end.

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# Finding Blessings in Retirement

By Marilyn Van De Venne '63

*Marilyn Van De Venne '63 has come to define retirement as a time of relaxation, a time of reflection on the accomplishments of the past, and a time full of opportunity to serve God in new and challenging ways. She offers suggestions for how retirees can stay involved in serving others.*

## *My Times Are In Your Hands*

By Marilyn Van De Venne

It seems like only yesterday  
You led me to attend college  
To become an elementary school teacher.

College days came and went  
Classes were challenging in preparation  
Soon student teaching arrived  
Then I was ready for the world of teaching.

You led me to the school of your choice  
Where I would spend many happy years  
Teaching and molding young lives  
Getting them ready for the future.

Now the time has come  
To leave the hallowed halls of learning  
Allowing others to carry on the torch  
Of preparing the new generations to come.

Lead me into the future  
Give me new avenues to serve you  
That I might be found faithful  
Until you call me home.

As a single woman called to be a teacher, my life revolved around my classroom, my students, and my church. Yet, after 36 years of teaching fifth grade, I felt that it was time to retire.

I wondered how I would cope without teaching. Following the beginning of my retirement, I dreaded the first day of the next new school year. I wondered what God had in store for me. I needn't have been worried though, for my God had it all planned.

Three years into my retirement, I have found that the retired life is full of avenues of opportunity. I sometimes take dinner to my fellow teachers on the evenings of their parent-teacher conferences.

Every once in a while I take snacks into the teachers' lounge to make

their day go better. Even though I always thought I would not want to substitute when I retired, my district was in desperate need of subs, so I volunteered. Subbing has kept me up-to-date on what is happening in education and has let me provide service to my community. This is just the tip of the iceberg of what I have been able to do these past three years.

In my first year of retirement, I added activities to my schedule such as becoming a listener for those in need of a listening ear, taking on more responsibilities in my church, transporting friends to doctor's appointments, and helping our school librarian, who was battling cancer.

I became a volunteer field staff member of Christian Educator's Association International (CEAI). At a CEAI convention, I had a blessed time sharing the things God had shown me I could do for the teaching staff I left behind.

I have also found myself able to serve those with health problems. I found myself making daily trips to visit my sister-in-law in the hospital. As her health deteriorated, leading to her homegoing, I also supported and comforted my brother.

I flew to Alabama to stay with a friend and help out while her husband was recovering from hip replacement surgery. Two weeks into my stay a phone call came — my brother had to have quadruple bypass surgery. After making sure my friend and her husband were settled in, I flew home to care for my brother. After a lengthy stay in the hospital, my brother spent several months in my home recuperating.

I may wonder what is in store for me, but my Heavenly Father knows and makes life worthwhile. What a wonderful life He has given me. I can see His leading, and I find that retirement is a new adventure full of daily surprises and challenges.

As you contemplate retirement and all it may have to offer, I have some suggestions that may help you in that transition and give you the opportunity to be a testimony to our Savior as well. Here are some ways to get involved in a local school, your church, or community:

1. Take a treat to the teachers' lounge periodically to brighten the staff's day. If the lounge is a dreary room, perhaps you could decorate it seasonally.
2. Volunteer in a classroom to grade papers, decorate bulletin boards, or do whatever the teacher is overwhelmed with at the time.
3. If you were a teacher, volunteer to mentor a new teacher. You have many years of valuable service to help the fledgling teacher. (Check with the principal first. I am sure he or she would be pleasantly surprised at your offer.)
4. Take time to listen to someone and his or her problems. Pray for the person and his or her issues.



5. Hold a weekly prayer time with the Christian teachers at your school.
6. Contact CEAI and see if there is some way you can further their cause of ministering to Christian teachers (www.ceai.org or 1-888-798-1124).
7. Write about teaching ideas that you used to “turn on the light bulb” for some student. There are many publications that might be willing to publish your ideas.
8. Develop a lesson on various holidays or cultures and be willing to present it in different classrooms.
9. Volunteer to organize a teacher’s storage room, teaching materials, or the school library.
10. Volunteer to work with a needy student or listen to children read on a regular basis. Many children need positive role models.

11. If arts and crafts are your “thing,” volunteer to do a holiday project with the students one-on-one while the teacher is busy working with the class. This is a great opportunity to share your faith in casual conversation.
12. Go to your pastor and ask to help in an area where no one sees the need.

No matter the field you retire from, God has special work for you. Trust God for your unknown future. Look to Him for daily guidance and be open to His leading. He will faithfully guide you as you journey to your heavenly home.

“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore” (Psalm 16:11 KJV).

# Fear Takes A Fall

By David Drozek '79

*Dave '79 and Becky Stewart Drozek '81 serve in La Ceiba, Honduras, where Dave works as an international medical missionary with Mission to the Americas.*

It was Saturday, February 22, 2003 — nearing the end of a near-perfect week for our group. A 15-member team of construction and medical workers had come to assist our mission hospital in Honduras. Some of the team members were from churches my sister and parents attend in Georgia and some from a group in Minnesota.

The day before departing, the team decided to take a group photo on a swinging bridge in the town of Balfate. The bridges, for many, were symbols of overcoming fear, hence it was a tradition for people to have their pictures taken on one. Some visitors had refused to use the bridges due to fear of heights, while others overcame their fear by going on them. My sister, Amy, was one of those. Earlier in the week, Amy demonstrated her triumph over fear by posing on the very spot that would later be etched into our memories forever.

I was the designated photographer. I chose a location to give me a good view of the team as they headed for the bridge. I began to compose the picture when I heard a loud “ping” that reverberated

through the bridge cables. There were a few nervous laughs that quickly turned to cries of surprise. One by one, people began to fall off the bridge. I heard the thuds of their impacts. I could hardly believe my eyes and ears as I ran toward the bridge. Below was a line of bodies; some were moving, but most were motionless.

The bridge platform remained intact, but the rails had become slack. Entangled in cables and netting were three team members holding on for life. One, a college student, was pulling herself up to the platform with the assistance of one of our guards.

Another, Carol, was hanging by her feet and holding on with her hands. As I reached to pull her up, her arm slipped from my grip, almost causing me to lose my balance. One of our missionary doctors was nearby. He called for help and then joined me on the bridge and helped pull Carol to safety.

The third person still on the bridge was my sister. Amy was dangling by her feet. I prayed for God to help as I tried to think of a way to rescue her. I ran to look for something to help, and when I looked back, the same guard who assisted the college student had an extension cord and threw it around Amy. On the ground below, two rescuers were securing the other end. Amy cried out, “I’m slipping!”



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I yelled for her to hold on, and I ran back onto the bridge. I tried to tie the cord into a loop. I was using my foot to push the first throw of the knot toward my sister. Why I didn't think of tying a slipknot, I'll never know, but as a surgeon, I did what I usually do and tied a square knot. I knew one throw was not enough. It needed at least one more to square it. But then she slipped! Terror swept through my being, but the single throw drew tight and the extension cord snugged beneath Amy's arms. She was dangling upright about ten feet below! God Himself stayed the knot!

Amy was secure, and I began to have hopes that she would escape serious injury. We braced ourselves on the bridge and lowered her the last ten feet to safety. I sensed exhilaration and thanked God for His intervention, but quickly was brought back to the horror of what awaited below.

Looking down, I saw many of the wounded moving around. A doctor and nurse were attending the motionless body of Carol's husband, T.J. Another crowd of medical personnel surrounded a critically injured team member, while others assisted those less wounded.

As rescuers called for medical supplies, I ran up to the hospital and sent the items back to the ravine. Then I radioed our co-workers in La Ceiba and advised them of the situation and asked them to notify the hospital of pending patients.

When I returned to the gorge, patients were being evacuated to the hospital on makeshift stretchers. The most severely

injured was on his way to our trauma room. Carol was sitting beside the body of her husband, T.J.

As I climbed out of the ravine, I made a mental inventory of the team and their injuries. A chill went through me as I realized I had not seen the Atlanta gastroenterologist with whom I had worked closely all week. I searched for him at the hospital and was relieved to find him helping in the trauma room. He had dislocated his shoulder, but put it back into place and began helping others. All team members were then accounted for.

Four spent the night in the hospital and the rest were housed in missionary homes. In the morning, one of the hospitalized patients was discharged. The team looked like they had been through a war. One had a splint, another a cast, many with visible scrapes and bruises, all walking stiffly or limping. God saw fit to take T.J. home soon after this terrible accident.

Yet through it all the team's spirits were good. Despite the tragedy and loss, they encouraged me and my family to keep at it! They reminded us that we were doing God's work.

Healing, both physically and emotionally, continues. The wounds will need more time. We in our humanness want an explanation. "Why?" God does not need to give us an answer. Our tendency is to cast blame and harbor anger. But God has called us to walk by faith, to trust Him. He is in control and was not taken by surprise! He has a plan, even though we may never understand it.

## Being in the World, but Not OF the World

"We asked teen girls how often they read the Bible," said Laurie Whaley '97, New Century Version Brand Manager with Thomas Nelson Publishing. "The response that came back was, 'Well, we don't read the Bible. It's just too freaky, too intimidating. It doesn't make any sense.'" The idea for a New Testament in magazine format — named *Revolve* — grew from this marketing revelation.

Teen girls seem to feel comfortable exploring the Scriptures in this fashion magazine format, which has more than 500 study notes. *Newsweek* (September 8, 2003) stated, "Creating themed editions of the Holy Scriptures isn't new. But the early buzz around *Revolve* has been so positive — it's been among the top five biggest-selling Bibles nationwide for the past four weeks — that the company is now planning a magazine Bible aimed at teen guys."

ABCNews.com related, "In addition to the biblical text — written in the modern English of the New Century Version — *Revolve* also features teen magazine staples such as quizzes, Top 10 lists, and Q&As. They focus, however, on religious topics like, 'Are you dating a godly guy?' and inner-beauty advice. There are also tips on prayer, volunteerism, and calendars, with entries such as 'Pray for a person of influence: Today is Michael Jordan's birthday' on Feb. 17."

Laurie said, "The intent is to both make the Bible more interesting and to attract girls who would never pick up a leather-bound Bible but who would certainly pick up *Revolve*."

Also involved with this project were Emily Wiljamaa Seeger '98, who reviewed the manuscript, and Phil Stoner '81, executive vice president at Thomas Nelson. For more information, visit [http://www.thomasnelson.com/consumer/product\\_detail.asp?sku=0718003586](http://www.thomasnelson.com/consumer/product_detail.asp?sku=0718003586).





# 2003 Bickett Heritage Alumni Scholarships Awarded

The John W. Bickett Heritage Scholarship was established in 1982 by the Heritage Alumni. These awards are named for the Reverend John Wilson Bickett 1897, the first member of the first graduating class to receive his diploma from Cedarville. The recipients are junior or senior students preparing for pastoral or missionary service and planning to further their education in seminary or language studies. The following are the students' biographies and notes of appreciation, which were written in April 2003.

## Angela J. Burrows

Angela has a busy future planned. The junior comprehensive Bible major would like to finish a nursing degree, complete correspondence seminary classes, and eventually serve overseas. Having grown up in Georgetown, Guyana, as the daughter of missionaries, she knows firsthand what it is like to serve overseas. Angela is active in Mu Kappa, the children of missionaries organization at Cedarville.

*Psalm 105:1 says to thank the Lord for what He has done and make it known among the people. I thank the alumni for this scholarship and for their care for the students of Cedarville. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to turn my eyes again to God's provision. Our God truly is great!*

## William H. Lawler

William would like to go into full-time music ministry, specifically as a worship pastor, however, he plans to complete seminary studies first. Currently, the Indianapolis native is gaining invaluable experience as worship pastor for Northside Baptist Church in Lebanon, Ohio, and he also takes part in the Cedarville Men's Glee Club. William is a junior preseminary Bible major.

*I'd like to express my appreciation to the Cedarville alumni who have made the funding for this scholarship available to students such as myself. It is very meaningful to have the encouragement and support of those who have come before me. It is also a great blessing to see God provide monetary resources in His timing.*

## Philip M. Miller

Philip, a junior preseminary Bible major, is currently serving as a Discipleship Council member and a resident assistant. The Chesterland, Ohio native has co-hosted Junior Jam, participated in Open Heirs evangelism, served on the Advisory Seven, and worked on the sophomore chapel/prayer council. Philip looks forward to attending seminary in order to prepare for the pastorate.

*Thank you to all of those men and women who have made this gift possible. I have been greatly encouraged to see how faithful God is in meeting needs through His servants. Thank you for your dedication to education and students. I thank my God for you and for your gift of love.*

## Stanton M. Mistak

A junior preseminary Bible major, Stan was the class chaplain and has been active in Open Heirs evangelism ministry for all of his years at Cedarville. He served as a resident assistant during his sophomore year. A Fayetteville, North Carolina native, Stan plans to attend seminary after graduation.

*I am very grateful for the generosity of the alumni in awarding me with this scholarship. Thanks for allowing the Lord to use you as an encouragement in my life as He seeks to work out His purposes in me. God bless you!*



*The 2003 John W. Bickett Heritage Alumni Scholarship recipients are Stanton M. Mistak, Philip M. Miller, William H. Lawler, and Angela J. Burrows.*

# Alumnotes

## 50s

**Ward Weaver '51** is a member of The CenturyMen, an auditioned men's chorus of professional musicians. The men are Baptist church music directors from across America. They tour extensively in the United States and in many foreign countries.

**Ray '59** and **Janice Van Horn Reiner '66** express their joy for the way their work is going in Brazil. They are also excited that their son, Jeffrey, is now involved in the work.

**Paul '59** and **Judy Cousineau Van Kleek '62** serve with Resource Exchange International (REI) in Vietnam. Paul is the agriculture programs director and recently completed a five-month term in Hanoi, teaching university students while continuing in the leadership role for two veterinary and agronomy projects. Judy taught medical English to doctors who were preparing for fellowships in the U.S. A recent highlight was the grand opening of a veterinary clinic that was the joint project of REI-Vietnam, the National Institute of Veterinary Research of Vietnam, and the Agriculture Development Foundation of Mississippi.

## 60s

**Irene Benson '63** has been working on small storybooks that the Waiwai children in Brazil can read. She and her co-workers are excited that the village leaders have asked them to teach some fifth graders who want to continue their studies.

**John '64** and **Judith Marcellus Bigelow '67** rejoice that the liver transplant went well for John and that the new liver is working properly. At the Alaska Baptist Mid-Missions field conference, they were excited to meet three couples who are preparing to have a future ministry in Alaska. They are thankful that Dan and Deb Weimer will be joining them in ministry for the coming year. This will be a tremendous encouragement as John continues to recover from his surgeries.

**Dennis Bellew '65** and his wife, Frances, rejoice that International Bible College had one graduate in May, after only one and a half semesters in operation. They are anticipating that four will graduate in May 2004. Dennis is involved with a men's soul-winning group in New York City at International Baptist Church. The day before Easter they planned a special family-oriented service. They targeted an apartment complex of approximately 10,000 residents, and 261 came to the service with 123 making public professions of faith. They are discipling these people and praying that their faith increases.

**Nancy Towle Jones '69** and her husband, Roy, continue to seek God's direction about a ministry outreach center in Campo Real, Madrid. The need is great, especially since they have had about 200 new neighbors this year.

## 70s

**Philip Rohler '70** is the pastor of The Evangelical Covenant Church in Aberdeen, Washington.

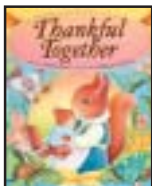
**Linda Betts Duffield '72** and her husband, Ken, express their concern about Ken's health. Due to his kidney failure and cirrhosis of the liver, he is facing a

liver/kidney transplant. Many decisions need to be made concerning his health. They appreciate the support they are receiving from family and friends.



**Bonnie McNeill McKinney '73** has received a doctorate of philosophy in religious education from the board of directors of the North American School of Theology. She is a high school language arts instructor

at Christian Heritage School (CHS), where she has taught for 12 years. CHS received accreditation with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) last year, and Bonnie was a key player in this process by writing the entire high school English curriculum guides. This past spring, she was chosen Star Teacher through a program sponsored by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators Foundation, Inc. In 1999, Bonnie was selected Outstanding Educator and inducted into Who's Who Among High School Teachers in America. This fall she released her first published work titled *Creatively Speaking*. She has lived in Dalton, Georgia, for 13 years with her husband, Ron. Ron is the pastor of Kinsey Drive Baptist Church. They have four children, Heather (24), Haddon (22), Heidi (20), and Hope (14). Heather and her husband, Scott, had Bonnie's first grandchild in July.



**Holly Jenkin Davis '74** has had her second picture book published.

*Thankful Together* reveals the celebration between mother and child in the blessings of an ordinary day. The contents were largely inspired by her own motherhood experiences.

Holly works for the North Light division of F&W Publications as an editor of decorative painting and home décor books.

**William Potter '74** has recently had a book published in conjunction with the release of the film *Gods and Generals*, a movie about the Civil War. The title of the book is *Beloved Bride: The Letters of Stonewall Jackson to His Wife*. William and his wife, **Leslie Leapline Potter '75**, reside in Charles City, Virginia.

## 80s

**David '81** and **Carol Sue Cox Merkh '82** serve at the Word of Life Seminary in Brazil. It is another record year with 37 resident couples in the Aquila and Priscilla Project. The Merkhs are thankful that God has expanded their outreach through literature. The five books in their *101 Creative Ideas* series continue to be reprinted.

**George Stephens '82** is putting together a Caribbean cruise Bible conference set for January 2004. He is inviting Cedarville alumni to join him and his Forked River Baptist Church family. Worship services are scheduled every evening and will focus on the topic "God and Our Fears." For more information, visit the church's Web site at [www.frbc-nj.org](http://www.frbc-nj.org), e-mail George at [gstephens@frbc-nj.org](mailto:gstephens@frbc-nj.org), or call him at 609-693-2726.

**Faith Kenoyer '83** spent the summer visiting family in the United States and planning and preparing for the new school year in Cairo, Egypt. There were four open teaching positions she had to fill in order to start the school year this fall.

## From Dollars to Divinity

A familiar face is leaving the Cedarville University Financial Aid Office after 21 years of service. **Steve Thompson '81** has resigned his job as associate director of financial aid to pursue a master of divinity degree at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. "It's been a dream of mine to go to seminary," he explained. "I feel called to enter the pastorate and to get proper training so that I'm able to do that."



Since 1982, Steve has been a jack-of-all-trades for the financial aid office, managing the Pell Grant and quality assurance programs among many other tasks. Steve built many relationships with families over the years as he worked with them to make sure their children could come to or stay at Cedarville. "It's been my blessing to work with the families," he shared. "What I'll probably miss most are the students and helping people figure out difficult financial matters."

"Steve Thompson possessed many qualities that made him an excellent financial aid office employee," said Fred Merritt, director of financial aid. "Steve had a heart as big as the state of Ohio, and he was always willing to assist with the hard problems. He was compassionate, friendly, dedicated, and loyal. But Steve's greatest asset was his willingness to work hard. I have never had a more dedicated employee and friend. Steve will be greatly missed by the entire staff in the financial aid office."

Steve said that it will be hard to leave his University and office colleagues as well as his nieces (CU students **Julie Thompson '05** and **Crystal Thompson '07**). He noted, "I will miss all the good things that are happening at Cedarville."



**Lois Gelatt Sexton '83** and her husband, Carl, are no longer serving in Argentina, but have begun a new endeavor with

ABWE in Lake Worth, Florida. Their understanding of the Hispanic culture and their fluency in the Spanish language will give them a huge advantage to reaching Hispanics in Florida. The Sextons plan to remain involved in the Lord's work in Argentina by sending work teams to help build church buildings.

**Carolyn Winsor Bitner '84** and her husband, Pete, are in the middle of their home assignment, with plans to go back to Togo, West Africa in February 2004.

**John Blackburn '84** founded and has organized a school's anti-drug program for the past four years. The SPUDD (Students and Parents Understanding the Dangers of Drugs) club is a parent-led, after-school program in which third through sixth graders meet once a month to talk about drugs and alcohol. The kids play games, have a snack, and listen to special speakers. John and the other parents have seen many relationships built between parents and children through the program. John is a pastor of administration at First Baptist Church in Shawnee, Kansas. He and his wife, Beth, have three children, Brandon, Heidi, and Alyssa.



**Joyce Bonenberger Brough '84** and her husband, Dennis, announce the birth of Trevor Alexander on December 3, 2002. They reside in Casa Grande, Arizona. **Tim '84** and **Alice Boyd Dysert '84** announce the birth of Lydia Elizabeth on February 14, 2003 in Madrid. Her brothers, Stephen, Philip, and Nicolas, were excited to welcome her home.

**Becki Payton Konuch '84** and her husband, Tim, recently returned to England following furlough. They have moved to a new city outside of London and are excited about the possibilities that this new city will bring.

**Aaron '85** and **Annegret Grosse Bowes '87** have started a new ministry near their home in East Berlin, Germany. Their first church service was held in July 2003. The Bowes praise God for their meeting place.



**Jennifer Boer Nicholas '85** and her husband, Steven, operate a wholesale pie and pastry bakery from their property in the picturesque Upper Yarra Valley in Australia. Steven works full-time with son Timothy (16) at the bakery, while Jennifer home-schools the other five children and does the bakery bookkeeping. Emily (13) team-teaches Samuel (6) and Daniel (4) with her mother while continuing her own education. David (11) also works at the bakery sometimes after school. Jonathan (2) brings joy to all. The family is active in their local independent Baptist church, which actually began in Jennifer's grandparents' home many years ago.

**DeMaurice "De" Smith '85** has been elected to the board of governors of the Washington D.C. Bar Association. De will serve a three-year term. He is a partner in the law firm of Latham & Watkins in the firm's D.C. office.



**Jackie Wyse Jones '86** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Martin Michael on July 31, 2002. He joins his siblings, Sydney (4) and Rodney (2), at home in Dayton, Ohio. Jackie, now a stay-at-home mom, taught junior high and

high school English in Beavercreek, Ohio schools for 13 years.

**Greg Mears '86** received his master of arts degree in counseling from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in May 2003.

**Pete Wright '86** and his wife, Sonya, rejoice that the money was provided to purchase equipment to begin the production of short radio programs in Chile. Pete, Sonya, and their daughter, Megan (2), are currently on home assignment.

**Kurt Anderson '87** is a partner with the Elyria, Ohio firm of Fauver, Keyse-Walker & Donovan. In January 2003, he helped a home-schooling family obtain a ruling from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, applying the fourth amendment for the first time to a warrantless home search by social service workers.

**Dave Beverly '87** and his wife, Lora, are serving the Lord in Manila, Philippines. They will spend one year in the U.S., putting together ministry research for the field council. Then they will move to Davao, Philippines. They have four children: DJ, Rachel, Megan, and Sean.

**Renee Bowen Peterson '87** was named Private School Teacher of the Year at the Washington County (Maryland) Educator of the Year banquet in April 2003. Renee was an English teacher at Grace Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland, but now teaches English at Williamsport High School, Williamsport, Maryland.



**Tim '88** and **Connie Harvey Gault '88** announce the birth of Tyler Joseph on February 3, 2003. Hannah (8) and Andrew (4) welcomed him home in Norfolk, Virginia. In July 2003, the family moved to Iwakuni, Japan, where Tim is the U.S. Navy chaplain to the

1st Marine air wing. Connie enjoys staying at home and home-schooling Hannah.

**Jill Slayton Puett '88** and her husband, Stephen, serve the Lord in Guyana with UFM International. They spent a week in March helping an eye team give eye exams and hand out glasses.

**Lynell Smith '88** praises God that He keeps opening doors of ministry for her in West Central Brazil. She is helping to teach religious classes to three fifth grade classes, and she has a weekly Bible study.

**Mark Baker '89** and his wife, Yvonne, announce the birth of Brooke Anjie on May 28, 2003. She was welcomed home by her sister, Brynn, in Kirkland, Washington.

**Rich Ernst '89** and his wife, Aracely, announce the birth of Noelani Elizabeth Praise on March 26, 2003. They reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.



**Beth Morse Natalello '89** and her husband, Rick, reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia, with their son, Nicholas Paul (2). While on maternity leave from Greenbrier Christian Academy, Beth teaches piano lessons two evenings a week at Music and Arts Stores in Chesapeake. Rick is an assistant store manager at Sears.



**Jeff '89** and **Julie Titus Sanders '90** and their children, JoHanna and Jacob, are pictured here with several Cedarville alumni who are their co-workers in Asia. The photo was taken at an April 2003 conference in the Philippines. Included in the photo are **Kent Craig '80**; **Robert '59** and **Esther Stutesman Howder '62**; **Tom Carr '86** and daughter, Lindy; **Joyce Rudduck '66**; **Ken Cole '70**; **Todd '95** and **Dawn Merritt Entner '96** with their son, Josiah; and **Norm '67** and **Louise Stutesman Barnard '67**.

## 90s

**Mike Davis '90**, CEO and founder of Phoenix Entertainment group, produced "Butterfly Kisses:

A Musical Tribute to Dads." This television special, which aired nationally in June, honored fathers and the special role they play in keeping our families and nation strong. Featuring Bob Carlisle, artist and creator of the hit song *Butterfly Kisses*, the special gave an inside view of celebrity fathers and their children. For more information on this and future projects, visit [www.phoenixeg.com](http://www.phoenixeg.com).

**Timothy Fischer '90** was recently promoted to audit manager for Marathon Oil Company in Houston, Texas. Tim lives in Houston Heights and attends The Second Baptist Church of Houston.

**Chris '90** and **Lara Long Gifford '91** thoroughly enjoyed writing new songs for Lara's new CD, *The Wonder of God*. They started out this project thinking it would be a series of covers that they would give away to close friends and family, but their producer encouraged them to pursue a project with original works. Lara prays that through these songs one will catch a glimpse of what Jesus means to her. Visit [www.thewonderofGod.com](http://www.thewonderofGod.com) to listen to demos and order the CD.



**Kevin Howells '90**, a member of the Cedarville University Alumni Council, contacted several friends

with whom he had been out of touch and ended up with a 15-year reunion! The "Nushkie Brothers" lived together during their junior year and include (L to R) **Dennis Johnson '90**, **Kirk Belmont '90**, **Tim Ryan '90**, **Kevin Howells '90**, **Bob Zender '89**, **Jim Gerakinis '90**, and **Nathan Bobbett '90**. **Rod '90** and **Sarah Taylor Perkins '94** are hopeful that their church in South Africa will be able to be self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating in a few years. The Lord has really blessed this ministry. The orphan ministry, Bethesda Outreach, was given good news in the spring. They were told that the province's social services department would pay for the salary of two social workers, which Bethesda would be able to train with no restrictions.



**David '90** and **Linda Garrigan Ryan '90** announce the birth of Abigail Joy on June 22, 2002. She loves to be with her sisters, Allison (8) and Karis (6). The Ryans live in Canton, Ohio, where David is the pastor at Grace Baptist Church.

**Wendy Widder '90** is pleased to announce the release of her second book, *A Match Made in Heaven: How Singles and the Church Can Live Happily Ever After*. A compelling call to singles and the church to rethink what it means to be the "Family of God," this book suggests that a vital relationship exists between the church and singles — if they will only take the time and exert the effort to discover it.

**Kelly Fath '91** is an ABWE appointee to Romania. He looks forward to becoming active in a local church and helping further develop the Church Ministries Institute once his prayer and financial support levels are met. Currently, Kelly lives in Michigan where he has started coursework toward a master of theology degree. In May, Kelly received his master of divinity in pastoral studies from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary.



**Michelle McFadden '91** and Jeff Keiser were married December 29, 2001 at Faith Baptist Church in Greenville, Ohio. After enjoying a honeymoon in Fort Myers, Florida, they have made their home in Greenville. Jeff is a service technician for Sears, and Michelle is a homemaker.

**Alan '91 and Michelle Maners Swartz '91** announce the birth of Howard Nathan on June 11, 2002. Alan is a senior electrical designer for Howe-Baker Engineers, and Michelle, a former schoolteacher and private tutor, is now staying at home with Nathan. They reside in Tyler, Texas.



**Cynthia Wolf Willcoxon '91** and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Timothy Jacob. Timmy was born September 6, 2002 and was welcomed home by his big sister, Rachel (3), in Gilbert, Arizona.



**Suzy Barnhart '92** received her master in business administration degree from Regent University in May 2003.

**Shawn Abbott Burke '92** and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of Emily Ashlyn on February 23, 2003. Emily joins her sister, Summer, at home in Keedysville, Maryland. Shawn has left the field of social work to be a stay-at-home mom.



**Rob '92 and Esther Woodbridge Conrad '01** announce the birth of Marissa Lanae on October 30, 2002. Marissa was born with Holt-Oram syndrome, which caused her arms to stop forming at her elbow. The Conrads praise the Lord that Marissa's heart is healthy. Marissa joins her brother, Jordan (5), at home in West Valley, New York.



**Lori Lindner French '92** and her husband, Dave, pray that they will be used to challenge and encourage the young people at Faith Academy in the Philippines to walk closely with the Lord. Lori

teaches one class per day and organizes after-school activities. Dave continues to teach high school art. They are thankful for their two children, Alex (4) and Toby (2).



**Seth '92 and Gwynne Davies Kinley '92** announce the birth of Jaiden Samuel on January 21, 2003. Seth is the athletic trainer for the Pennsylvania State University's track and field and cross-country teams. Gwynne is a publications editor/designer and is currently on leave from the University.

**Lara McGovern '92** and Brad Allen were married July 6, 2002. Lara is the public relations/development coordinator at the Open Door Ministries inner-city home for teenage mothers. Brad is attending Rocky Mountain Bible Institute in Denver, Colorado. They plan to go into some type of ministry together once Brad graduates.



**Kezia McNeal '92** has released a CD titled *Kezia*. This album of 10 songs can be purchased for \$15 from the HeartSong Touring Teams Office at Cedarville University. For more information, call 937-766-7613.

**Laura Hollander Sinkonis '92** has taken a new position as a special education teacher at the Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School. With this new position, Laura is able to work from home, and her husband, Steve, stays home with their three children, David, Kristina, and Michael.

**David '93 and Tonya Mascari Malone '92** announce the birth of Rebekah Jo Ann on September 9, 2002. She joins her sister, Sydney (3), at home in Hilliard, Ohio. David is a superintendent for Duffy Homes, and Tonya is privileged to stay home and take care of the girls.



**Bill '93 and Leah Rosevold Montgomery '94** announce the birth of Kara Reagan on April 11, 2003. She joins her siblings, Emma Jordan (4) and Jadon Tyler (2), at home in Delaware, Ohio. Bill works as a sales manager for Salem Communications of Ohio-WRFD, and Leah does freelance graphic design part-time from home.



**Luman Strong '93 and Tanya South** were married June 15, 2002 in a private ceremony on the shores of Lake Michigan. Luman has been a fifth grade teacher with Chelsea (Michigan) public schools for six years, but this school year he is the school

counselor in Seoul, South Korea at Centennial Christian School. This will fulfill his requirements for a master's degree in school counseling. Tanya is a school nurse. **Matt Cutler '94** and his wife, Brooke, announce the birth of Grant Matthew. Grant was born May 24, 2003 and joins his two older brothers, Reagen (3) and Lincoln (18 months). Brooke stays at home with the boys, and Matt is the director of corporate relations at Two Men And

A Truck, International. The Cutlers attend DeWitt Community Church and reside in Bath, Michigan. **Nicki Silvera Freeman '94** and her husband, Guy, had the privilege of going to the Czech Republic as part of a hockey tour. They had the opportunity to play hockey games against local teams, visit with families at a refugee camp, be involved in street ministry, and visit two orphanages. They are thankful that they had this chance to minister to a community that needs to know more about Jesus.

**Sherry Gavitt '94** and Chris Price were married December 28, 2002 at Calvary Baptist Church in Hurricane, West Virginia. They enjoyed a honeymoon to Cancún, Mexico and have made their home in Scott Depot, West Virginia. Sherry is in her ninth year of teaching kindergarten at Calvary Baptist Academy. Chris is an administrative services assistant at the Division of Corrections in Charleston, West Virginia. He is currently enrolled in seminary.



**Reid '94 and Jill Gerhardt Gritsavage '92** announce the birth of Mitchell on April 15, 2002. He joins his sister, Cassandra (5), at home in Lansing, Michigan. Reid is an assistant manager in the computer programming department of Auto Owners Insurance. Jill enjoys being at home and helping in many ministries at church. She also teaches a variety of craft classes for many local businesses.



**Amanda Blew Himes '94** and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Daniel Steven on October 14, 2002. He was welcomed home by his brother, Benjamin (3), in Brogue, Pennsylvania. Amanda taught high school math for five years before resigning to stay at home with her family.



**Jennifer Crawford Fisher '95** and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of Ava Rose on November 5, 2002. Jennifer works part-time as a pediatric nurse practitioner, and Joe is self-employed. Both share in taking care of Ava at their home in Temperance, Michigan.



**Brian '95 and Kimberly Gurry Fourman '96** announce the birth of Matthew Byron on December 27, 2002.

Brian is a Christian school principal, and Kim stays home with Matt and his two-year-old sister, Kelly. The Fourmans reside in Fayetteville, Georgia.





**Samuel '95 and Sarah Mattke Garland '98** announce the birth of Joshua Blake on September 17, 2002. Joshua joins his sister, Katherine Ann, at home.

**Phil Graves '95** and Kristie Stockman were married April 12, 2003 at Faith Baptist Church in Knoxville, Maryland. After a two-week honeymoon in the Pacific Northwest and Victoria, Canada, they returned to their home in Brunswick, Maryland. Phil is an associate minister of students at Faith Baptist, and Kristie is a registered respiratory therapist at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

**Jennifer Kierstead '95** teaches second grade and coaches both the junior varsity and varsity softball teams at a school in Brazil. She is excited that another year of teaching is underway and prays that she can influence the kids in a positive way.



**Phillip '95 and Melissa Mocny Snyder '96** announce the birth of Nicholas Glenn on September 10, 2002. Phillip is an operations manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car for the Upstate New York group. Melissa enjoys staying at home in

Rochester, New York and caring for Nicholas.



**Tami Doden Best '96** and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of Sadie Ashlyn on April 9, 2003. She joins her sister, Audra Brianne, at home in

Auburn, Indiana. Tami received her master of social work degree in 1999 from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but is currently a stay-at-home mom. Brian is the youth pastor at Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

**Bowe '96 and Kimberly Bandy Hoy '97** announce the birth of Caleb Roathy on January 28, 2003. They reside in Lexington, Kentucky.



**Brenda Mattke Rabideau '96** and her husband, Dan, welcomed Rebekah Jean on January 8, 2003. Rebekah joined siblings Zachary (4 1/2) and Hannah (3). Brenda is able to stay at home with the children, and Dan is

an electrician in Hubertus, Wisconsin.

**Jennifer Roloff Rair '96** and her husband, John, announce the birth of Avery John on October 11, 2002. John works for Westwind Electric, and Jennifer enjoys staying at home with Avery. John and Jennifer teach the junior high Sunday school class at Calvary Baptist Church in Massillon, Ohio.



**Aaron Roberts '96 and Debbie Rotman '95** were married June 29, 2002 at Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Several Cedarville alumni participated in the wedding. After teaching fifth grade in Cedarville and in Texas, Debbie now teaches fifth grade at Heritage Elementary in

Lakota Local Schools. Aaron is a manager for Fifth Third Bank at the Madisonville Operations Center. They reside in West Chester, Ohio.



**Jim '96 and Emily Hodel Rowley '97** announce the birth of Elodie Elizabeth on January 10, 2002. They reside in Rochester, Illinois, where Jim is a fifth grade teacher and runs his own small business. Emily has given up her elementary teaching

position to pursue her new career as Elodie's mom.

**Mark '96 and Kristin Rinehart Totten '96** make their home in New Haven, Connecticut, where Mark is completing his doctorate in Christian ethics at Yale University. Kristin is a legal aid attorney at New Haven Legal Assistance, where she practices in the areas of housing and community development. Mark and Kristin were married May 29, 1999. They are active members at Trinity Baptist Church.

**Sam Sternad Abels '97** and her husband, Steve, live in Tokyo, Japan. Steve received the Rotary World Peace Scholarship and was accepted at the International Christian University, where he will work towards a master's degree in public administration.

**Bart '97 and Emily Weber Allen '99** announce the birth of Luke Judson on August 8, 2002. They are currently attending the New Tribes Bible Institute in Michigan.



**Lisette Cardel Alt '97** and her husband, Rodney, announce the birth of Matthew Lee on November 15, 2002. They reside in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, where Lisette is a stay-at-home mom, and Rodney works as an HVAC technician.



**Jeremy '97 and Emilie Israel Awbrey '97** announce the birth of Kelsie Marie. She was born August 15, 2002 and joins her sister, Kaylie (3), in Delaware, Ohio. Jeremy is

the manager of technical services at Gates McDonald, and Emilie enjoys staying home with the girls. They are involved in various ministries at Delaware Grace Brethren Church. The happy grandparents are **Bill '69 and Marty Brown Schill '69**.



**David '97 and Joanna Hodson Butgereit '95** announce the birth of Lauren Ann on January 2, 2003. David is a nurse in Dayton, and Joanna left her job as a nurse to stay home with Lauren in Xenia, Ohio.



**Lisa Van Wormer Hodge '97** and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of Caleb James on February 4, 2003. They reside in Greenville, South Carolina, where Kevin is an auditing manager with Ernst and Young, and Lisa enjoys staying at home with Caleb.

**Stephen '97 and Rebecca Cave Hodson '96** announce the birth of Kara Joy on January 4, 2002. They live in Mt. Morris, Illinois, where Stephen is a high school guidance counselor at Dixon High School. Rebecca is a nurse, but is now staying at home with Kara.



**Tom '97 and Michelle Bellew Sagraves '95** announce the birth of Joel Stephen on August 28, 2002. He was welcomed home by his big brother, Micah (4), in Howell, Michigan. Tom is the pastor of student ministries at Community Bible Church in Brighton, Michigan, and Michelle enjoys staying at home with the boys.



**Jeff '97 and Melissa Hewitt Stanton '97** announce the birth of KayleighAnne Elizabeth on September 20, 2002. She joins her brother, Caleb, at home in Portage, Michigan.



**Jamie Tegtmeyer '97** and Rick Hartley were married February 1, 2003 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Punta Cana. Jamie is a senior accountant in the real estate industry, and Rick is the general manager for a manufacturing company. They reside near Cleveland, Ohio.

**George Weber '97 and Stacy Taylor '00** were married June 21, 2003 in Milford, Ohio. George is a part-time assistant coach for women's soccer at Cedarville University



and is also a teacher's assistant at Summit Academy in Xenia, Ohio. Stacy has been the administrative assistant in the alumni relations office at Cedarville for the past two years, but is now a fourth through eighth grade math and social studies teacher at Summit Academy. The couple eventually plans to join other Cedarville alumni on the mission field of South Africa.

**Jonathan '97 and Sarah Jenks Weber '97** announce the birth of Warren Barnabas on July 8, 2003 at Lake West Hospital in Willoughby, Ohio.



**Jonathan Williams '97** and his wife, Anna, announce the birth of Samuel Thomas on April 22, 2002. Jonathan continues to work for Hewitt Associates

while pursuing his master of library and information science degree through the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



**Jill Rynerson Chartrand '98** and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of Miranda Lynae on July 17, 2002. She joins her sister, Calli (2), at home in Savage, Minnesota.

Nathan is a computer programmer at Snyder's Drug Store. Jill stays home part-time with the girls and works part-time as an adoption counselor at Crossroads Adoption in Edina, Minnesota.



**Ernest '98 and Tiffany Hamilton Clark '98** are serving the Lord in southeast Asia. They have completed their first term there, learning the

language and developing relationships with their Hindu neighbors. They have two children, Catherine Drue (3) and Ben Hamilton (1).



**Jennie Fisher '98** serves the Lord in the Dominican Republic. She is involved with a ministry that reaches out to the Haitians who live in the garbage dumps and sugar cane fields of the Puerto Plata area. She plans to start and manage

the new literacy program for the Haitians in the village of Caraballo and to incorporate children's Evangelism Explosion into that curriculum. More pictures can be seen at [www.msnusers.com/JennieFisherintheDR](http://www.msnusers.com/JennieFisherintheDR).



**Trisha Trost Forrester '98** and her husband, Dale, announce the birth of Sydnee Ellen on January 15, 2003. The Forresters reside in Freeport, Illinois, where they are youth leaders at First Baptist Church. Dale owns and operates his own racing cylinder

head/intake manifold business — Forrester Racing Heads. Trisha loves staying at home with Sydnee and helps out with the business.

**Josh Halulko '98** and **Michelle Bolt '99** were married July 27, 2002 in Chicago, Illinois. They enjoyed their honeymoon in Nicaragua. They both work at Lafayette School in Chicago, where Josh is the disciplinarian, and Michelle teaches second grade.



**Dusty '98 and Megan Stevens Hill '98** announce the birth of Cade Daniel. He was born June 15, 2003 and was welcomed home by his siblings, Macy Kaitlin (5) and Austin Matthew (3), in Jackson, Ohio.



**Ethan McQuinn '98** recently completed his first year of law school at the University of Colorado School of Law. He is currently working for a Denver law firm, and he spent part of this past summer studying

international law at Oxford University in Oxford, England, and other parts of western Europe, including Brussels, Luxembourg, and Straasburg. He is pictured here with his sister, **Emily McQuinn '02**. She recently received her Colorado real estate license.



**Amy Volpe '98** and **Eric Gruetzmacher** were married October 13, 2001. They met and married at Garfield Baptist Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After a honeymoon in southern California, the couple

returned to their home in Milwaukee. Eric is a computer design engineer at Camtronics Medical Systems, and Amy teaches middle school science at Heritage Christian School.

**BJ Bechtel '99** was thankful for the 18 summer missionaries that came to Inner City Impact in Chicago. They built relationships and challenged the kids one-on-one. BJ looks forward to his furlough that starts in January 2004.



**Nikki Chakalis '99** and **Daniel Meraz** were married in July 2002 in Columbus, Ohio. They enjoyed a honeymoon in St. Thomas and have made their home in

Chicago, Illinois. Daniel manages computer systems, and Nikki teaches fourth grade at Salem Christian School.



**Wade '99** and **Amy Wilder Harris '98** announce the birth of Alexa Lynn on March 27, 2003. Wade is the resident director of Brock Hall at Cedarville University and is also a part-time youth minister in

Centerville. Amy enjoys staying at home with Alexa.

**Karen Hayes '99** and **Weston Young** were married October 12, 2002. They reside in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Weston is an accountant, and Karen is in law school.



**Adam '99** and **Angela Kirchner**

**Oxford '99** announce the birth of Emma LeeAnn on March 26, 2003. Adam is a project engineer for KTH Parts Industries, and Angela was a pediatric operating room nurse but now enjoys staying at home with Emma. The Oxfords reside in Dayton, Ohio.

**Andrew Ziegenfuss '99** received his master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2003. His wife, **Becky Crosson Ziegenfuss '99**,



received her master of elementary education degree from Liberty University in January 2003. They reside in the Cincinnati, Ohio area, where Becky teaches third grade, and Andy is the student pastor of Grace Baptist Church.

## 2000s

**David Carr '00** and **Anna Gillen** were married June 21, 2003 in Xenia, Ohio. David is an intensive care unit nurse at Miami Valley Hospital, and Anna is an emergency room nurse at Children's Medical Center. They reside in Miamisburg, Ohio.



**Brenda Mick Felker '00** and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of Caleb Aaron on October 22, 2002. They reside in Rockford, Michigan.



**Maranatha Ruberg '00** and **Travis Hamilton** were married December 14, 2002 at Brookhaven Wesleyan Church in Marion, Indiana. Several Cedarville alumni participated in the wedding. After spending a week in Grand Cayman, Travis returned to work as an accountant in Fishers, Indiana,

and Maranatha is working towards her doctorate in pharmacy at Purdue University. They reside in Lebanon, Indiana.



**Heather Brown '01** and **Terry Burner Jr.** were married May 11, 2002 at Fellowship Baptist Church in Vienna, West Virginia. Heather is a registered nurse in labor and delivery and is taking classes towards a master's degree in the family nurse practitioner program.

Terry is an aviation ordnance man first class, serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Ronald Reagan. The Burners reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**Holly Dahlin '01** and **Allan Helber** were married November 2, 2002 in Sugar Grove, Ohio. Allan is a loan officer for FarmCredit Services of Mid America, and Holly is a teacher at Parker Elementary. They have made their home in Waverly, Ohio.



**Delton Hochstedler '01** and **Fernanda Fernandes '01** were married September 7, 2002 in São Paulo, Brazil. They now reside in London, Ohio.

**Jonathan '01** and **Noella Fisher Kleis '99** announce the birth of Samuel David on February 18, 2003. They are missionary appointees to Italy with ABWE.





## CU Basketball Ministry in Hungary

In June 2003, Coach Ray Slagle led a men's basketball MIS team to Hungary, Croatia, and Italy. The team participated in basketball competitions, clinics, and exhibitions as well as plenty of evangelism. While in Hungary, the team ministered with **Jonathan '90** and **Lori Rogers Haskell '90**, missionaries with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE).

Jonathan shared, "We have never been prouder to be CU alumni than we were this weekend. The guys handled themselves with maturity and class at all times. They were a real encouragement to our church and ministry and a real blessing to our community. Most of all, I'm grateful for the way they interacted with my family. As soon as we got home Monday night, we had a little girl drawing pictures of seven new boyfriends. Ethan was busy responding to a note and gift that Tyler had left for him. And Justin, who hasn't touched anything but a soccer ball for about four years, was out in the backyard shooting hoops. (He also went out yesterday and spent his birthday money on the kind of flip-flops all the guys were wearing.) Even the people at the hotel wanted to know when they were coming back. They aren't the only ones who'd like to make this an annual event. We look forward to having them back any time."



**Nelson Lewis '01** and **Jennifer Willis '01** were married May 25, 2002 in Canton, Ohio. Nelson is an engineer at The Timken Company, and Jennifer is pursuing a career as a wedding and event consultant. They reside in Norton, Ohio.

**Janene Pereira '01** and **Christopher Bradley** were married April 5, 2003 at Evangel Baptist Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. Several Cedarville alumni participated in the wedding. Chris is a first lieutenant electrical engineer with the Air Force, stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, and Janene is a registered nurse. They reside in Las Vegas, Nevada.



**Scott Simons '01** and **Debbie Huff '02** were married December 28, 2002 in Meadville, Pennsylvania. Several Cedarville alumni participated in the

wedding. The Simons enjoyed a honeymoon at the Caesar's Pocono Resorts in Pennsylvania. They live in Dayton, Ohio, where Scott is a retail associate for Fifth Third Bank, and Debbie is working towards her master's degree in early childhood education at the University of Dayton.



**Beth Weaver '01** and **Mathias Hauck** were married November 30, 2002 at Grace Baptist Church in Westlake, Ohio. Beth received her master's degree in athletic training from Ohio University in June 2002 and now works for Southeast Ohio Sports Medicine. Mathias is the youth pastor and

worship leader at Grace Baptist Church in McArthur, Ohio. He is currently playing in the professional arena football league with the Cincinnati Swarm.

**Brian Allport '02** and **Alison Reemtsma '02** were married August 10, 2002 at Hillside Chapel in Beavercreek, Ohio. Many Cedarville alumni participated in the wedding. The couple now resides in Fairborn, Ohio, where Brian is a contract negotiator for the Air Force, and Alison is a youth outreach coordinator for the Miami Valley Women's Center.

**Timothy Blow '02** and **Aamie Guptill '02** were married October 26, 2002 in Maine. They now reside in Beavercreek, Ohio, where Tim is the youth pastor at Hillside Chapel.



**Aaron '02** and **Jennifer Abas Deal '99** announce the birth of Alanna Rebekah on October 8, 2002. She joins her sister, Jenna (2), at home in Union, Ohio.

**Kara Steinman '02** and **Emil DeMusz** were married May 24, 2003 at Southgate Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio. They enjoyed a honeymoon cruise in the Caribbean and now reside in Springfield, Ohio. Emil is a contract negotiator at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Kara is an assistant director of public relations at Cedarville University and also serves as the copy editor for the *Inspire* magazine.



**Douglas Bierer '03** and **Andrea Endicott '00** were married April 25, 2003 at Wauseon First Baptist Church in Wauseon, Ohio. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Tennessee and have made their home in Erie, Pennsylvania. Douglas is the associate pastor of youth ministries at Bethel Baptist Church in Erie, Pennsylvania, and Andrea is the program coordinator for the Highway Safety Department.

**Jonathan Mattson '03** is attending Georgia Tech on a full scholarship to earn his doctorate in aeronautical engineering.

**Sergio Reyes '03** and **Erin Nehus '03** won the men's and women's 5K races, respectively, at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Kickoff Races in Canton, Ohio in July.

## In Memory Of

**Becky Tumbo Guth '32** went home to be with the Lord on November 6, 2002. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

**Charles Spencer '33** went home to be with the Lord on March 25, 2003 in Cedarville, Ohio. He was an active member of Clifton United Presbyterian Church and was a 4-H Club advisor a number of years for the Clifton Flying Farmers. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

**Mary Jane Cavender Rees '47** and her husband, **Ralph**, went home to be with the Lord on April 23, 2003 due to a car accident. We extend our deepest sympathy to their daughter, **Christy Rees Howard '78**, her husband, **James '80**, and their four children.

**John Hawker '49** went home to be with the Lord on April 25, 2003 in Port Charlotte, Florida. He was a retired teacher for the Beavercreek School System in Beavercreek, Ohio. We offer our condolences to his wife, Ellen, and other family members.



**Alberta Sherrill Szalay '49** went home to be with the Lord on June 30, 2003. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband, Joseph, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Frank Hyland '52** went home to be with the Lord on April 17, 2003 in Portsmouth, Ohio. He was a high school and college basketball official for 35 years and is in the Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

**Lawrence Beard '65** went home to be with the Lord on April 19, 2003 in Gainesville, Georgia. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

**Aleesha Hager Lundberg '01** went home to be with the Lord unexpectedly on August 13, 2003. Our condolences go to her husband, John; her parents, **Delmar '76** and **Linda Ernst Hager '78**, and her siblings, **Charlotte '04**, **Ruth '07**, Regina, Daniel, and Laela.

# Cedarville Friends Home to Glory

Five friends of Cedarville University have gone home to be with the Lord.

**L. Bert Frye**, associate professor emeritus of physical sciences, graduated to Glory on July 13, 2003. Soon after joining the faculty in 1961, Bert strongly promoted building an observatory on campus to facilitate the teaching of an astronomy course. The structure was completed in late 1962, with much of the construction done by Bert and fellow faculty/staff members. (It has since been replaced by the present facility.)

Astronomy and creationism were two of Bert's passions. He was involved in two NASA-sponsored research projects, which included sending an experiment aboard the Jupiter-bound Pioneer 10 in 1971. Bert strongly opposed the teaching of the Day-Age theory, and towards the end of his life he was in the process of writing an astronomy textbook from a Christian creationist point of view.

Bert spent time daily praying for each member of the science department by name. His prayers for the faculty (including new members) continued even after his retirement from full-time teaching in 1981 and his retirement from adjunct teaching in 1985.

At this time of loss, our condolences go to Bert's wife, Esther; son, **Jon '71**, and daughter-in-law, **Debbie (Eplee) '73**; four grandchildren (including **Ethan '04**); and one great-grandson.

**Dr. Cleveland McDonald**, professor emeritus of sociology, went home to be with the Lord on April 29, 2003 after suffering with lymphoma for two years. Cleve served as a missionary to Brazil under ABWE before returning to the U.S. to pastor churches and teach. He authored *The History of Cedarville College* and *Creating A Successful Christian Marriage* (the latter written with his son, **Dr. Philip McDonald '74**). He was a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Millikin University, the University of Pittsburgh, and The Ohio State University. Cleve retired from Cedarville in 1976 after 20 years of service in the department of social sciences and history.

We extend our sympathies to Cleve's wife, Helen; daughter, **Rebecca McDonald Whittier '70**, and son-in-law, Bill; son, **Philip '74**, and daughter-in-law, Becky (Ketcham); and four grandchildren (including **Matthew McDonald '04**).

Memorial gifts may be sent to ABWE, McDonald Memorial for Overseas Work, P.O. Box 8585, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

**J. Dale Murphy** entered Glory on May 20, 2003. A retired real estate broker/developer, Dale served as a Cedarville University trustee for 47 years (from 1953 to 2000) until he became a trustee emeritus in 2000. Murphy Hall, the

newest women's residence hall on campus, was named after him in 2002.

We extend our sympathies to his wife, Betty; son, **Jim '68**, and daughter-in-law, **Phyllis (Ackerman) '71**; daughter, Marilyn Bentrude, and son-in-law, Wes; step-daughter, Kay Henninger Simon and step-son-in-law, Thomas; step-son, Robert Henninger and step-daughter-in-law, Elizabeth; three grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

**Rolan "Rollie" Polsdorfer** went home to be with the Lord on August 27, 2002. Rollie originally came to Cedarville in 1991 as a consultant and adjunct professor for the Elmer W. Engstrom Department of Engineering. In 1994 he became director of the physical plant — a position he held until his death.

The Mr. and Mrs. Rolan David Polsdorfer Award has been established at Cedarville University in loving memory of Rollie. The award is given to full-time advancing junior or senior students who are pursuing a degree in music with piano as principal instrument. (See end of article for more information.)

Our sincere condolences go out to Rollie's wife, Catherine; son, **Wesley '84**, and daughter-in-law, **Dawn (Staley) '84**; daughter, **Shelley Polsdorfer Gillespie '86**, and son-in-law, Randell; daughter, **Debbie Polsdorfer Koenig '91**, and son-in-law, **Michael '91**; and 13 grandchildren.

**Dr. W. Thomas Younger** entered Glory on January 21, 2003. The president of Western Baptist College in Oregon, he served as a Cedarville University trustee from 1958-1973 and 1983-1994 before becoming a trustee emeritus. He received an honorary doctorate from Cedarville in 1970. The Younger Conference Center on the Cedarville campus was named after him in 2002.

We extend our sympathies to his wife, Davina; children, **Brenda Younger Baranco '72**, Mark, Peter, Colleen Cowan, and Lori Taff; 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be made to Western Baptist College (5000 Deer Park Drive SE, Salem, OR 97301, 1-800-845-3005) and/or Cedarville University.

*For more information on making a memorial gift in honor of any of these friends of Cedarville, please contact the office of gift planning at 1-800-766-1115, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314. Gifts and inquiries can also be made online at [www.cedarville.edu/home/fm/fp/fmfp06b.cfm](http://www.cedarville.edu/home/fm/fp/fmfp06b.cfm).*



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